

REMARKS

Claims Pending

Claims 5-20 were pending and will remain so upon entry of the above amendments.

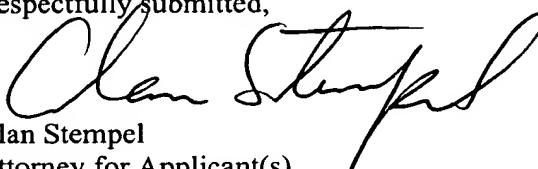
Potential Interference

The claims have been amended so as to remove "a methine group substituted by a cyano group" from the definition of X. It is believed that this eliminates the potential for interference with Frost et al. (US 6,384,051).

Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the amended claims avoid all grounds for rejection or objection and are allowable. It is further urged that the application as amended is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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